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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Stated Clerk Diane Frasher will be out of the office this week

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, October 27, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days. *Micah 5:2*

Reflection: Learning about China

I am writing you from Baltimore, where our Stated Clerk Diane Frasher and I are attending the Mid-Council Leaders Gathering in anticipation of GA224 next June. It looks like it might be a fairly quiet GA; there don't seem to be many big issues percolating but who knows what might arise in the next 8 months.

This event (which used to be called the Polity Conference, an annual meeting of the Office of the General Assembly) is now co-sponsored by the Board of Pensions. So some of us were able to thank Clayton Cobb, who is retiring this month as our regional consultant, and to greet **Rev. Kristin Leucht** as our new regional consultant. Kristin is our neighbor, as she has served for over 20 years in various pastoral positions with La Canada Presbyterian Church. Kristin's email is kleucht@pensions.org, and her work cell is 267-815-1329. She will be coming to a Presbytery meeting soon to meet us.

But for me personally, the most interesting event happened on the day I left for Baltimore. Karen Sapio and I were invited to meet with the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (FTESEA), who was hosting representatives from the China Christian Council (CCC). FTESEA is supported by ten mainline denominations, two in Canada (the Presbyterian and United Church of Canada) and eight in the United States (the "Seven Sisters" and the Reformed Church in America). The China Christian Council is the main Protestant institution in the People's Republic of China.

One of the legacies of the Church Missionary Society and ABCFM is the CCC's partner "Three-Self Patriotic Movement." This is the Chinese application of three principles of self-governance, self-support (i.e., financial independence from foreigners), and self-propagation (i.e., indigenous missionary work) for the establishment of indigenous, or local, churches in what were considered overseas mission fields. The CCC's relationship with the Chinese government emphasizes this approach, as the government is obviously concerned with unwelcome influence from Western nations, perpetrated through Western missionaries. It has been unfortunate when Western missionaries became conscious or unwitting agents in suppressing the self-determination of non-Western peoples.

This three-self identity of the Chinese indigenous church extends into attempts to articulate and teach the Christian faith in authentically and distinctively Chinese ways. With this helpful approach, and in its relationship with the state, the CCC (and Nanjing Union Theological Seminary) reminded me greatly of the opportunity when Karen Sapio and I were invited to Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cuba.

So Karen and I found ourselves meeting with these Christian church leaders from another Communist country, with other ecumenical partners. In the midst of the meeting I noticed that I was the only person who used the term "Mainland China"- everyone else simply said "China." No one said anything, but during lunch I spoke with the Episcopal representative about my professor who served as the theological adviser to the Anglican Archbishop in Hong Kong.

I asked the Episcopal official about the relationship between the Anglican church in Hong Kong and mainland China, and the official said in a rather pointed way, "there is no relationship; we are ONE CHINA." I was a bit puzzled and asked him to clarify; he stated again "there is One China, which includes Hong Kong." I said "you must talk to different people than I do," and he responded with what seemed to me to be a "look."

Karen and I went to sit with the person who spoke English the best, and learned a great deal about Christianity on the mainland-the fact that they do not have denominations and resist attempts to assert denominational identities, the connections between Confucian thought and the church in China, and the impact of the growth of urbanization, individualism, and materialism in today's China, including the impact of the "one-child" policy that resulted in generations of young adults who were the protected center of their parents' lives. This is amplified because virtually all pastors have been born after the Cultural Revolution, so all they know is the last few decades of cultural and economic development.

Obviously there is too much to discuss in this column, but the epilogue occurred here in Baltimore. Mienda Uriarte, our area coordinator for Asia with World Mission, told me that the PC(USA) and CCC have experienced some tension over the CCC's assertion of the One China policy. Because of our strong relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, we cannot ignore the desire for sovereignty or at least some local identity for the Taiwanese (or, for that matter, the people of Hong Kong). This has resulted in a stalemate of sorts, as the CCC representatives would like the PC(USA) to either leave the Taiwanese behind or report to the CCC who we are meeting with in Taiwan.

Whenever I think of God's dream for the nations of the world, I think about how God chose to bring salvation through a small child in a small town in a small and relatively powerless nation, and because of that, we Presbyterians have stood with small nations as they attempt to defend their rights against the forces of empire through the centuries. As I lived in Hawaii, I came to appreciate the outsized impact of aloha that comes through that very small island nation that has been absorbed by the empire of the United States-and yet they strive to retain their distinctive culture, which I think is universally

absorbed by the Empire of the United States and yet they strive to retain their distinctive culture, which I think is universally considered to be a gift to the world.

May we pray for all the peoples of the world, especially those whose identity and even their lives are being threatened by the forces of aggression and domination. And may we, even we who are citizens of the empire, appreciate and defend the gifts of the small nations of the world.

Peace,
Wendy

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*I was in prison, and you visited me...
Matthew 25:37*



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10250 Rancho Road
Adelanto, CA 92301

Detention Center Visitation

Visitation is about providing a welcoming spirit and a non-anxious presence, listening and offering hope through accompaniment. It simply requires showing up and listening with the “ear of the heart.”

Are you being called to this compassionate act of hospitality?
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Upcoming Dates

~October~

Wednesday, 10/30

~November~

Friday, 11/15

Contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer

at BorderWelcomeCommittee@gmail.com (260) 521-1006 for more information

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SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry is a growing network of Presbyterians around Southern California, in ecumenical collaboration with the Matthew 25/Mateo 25 SoCal Movement, striving to follow Christ's call to welcome the stranger by opening our churches, homes, and hearts to refugee siblings seeking asylum.

Meet your new Regional Consultant with the Board of Pensions! Kristin Leucht



Kristin Leucht, will be taking over as Regional Consultant for the Synods of Southern California and Hawaii, the Southwest; and for Colorado and Utah in Rocky Mountains. Kristin is a graduate of Fuller Seminary and for over 20 years has served as one of the Associate Pastors with the La Canada Presbyterian Church for Children and Family - and more recently as Executive Pastor.

She brings a love for the church, a very keen sense of church administration and benefit expertise, and a gracious listening spirit. She lives in La Crescenta (Southern California) with her husband and two children.

Kristin's email is kleucht@pensions.org, her work cell is 267-815-1329. She will serve you all well! On a personal note, it has been an honor to have been your Regional Board staff for these past eight years. I have cherished my relationships with all our Middle Governing Body leaders, our pastors, our COMs, our administrators and personnel leaders - and all the Presbytery meetings I've been able to attend! Thank you all for your partnership in ministry.

Just as the church continues to change, so does the Board of Pensions, continually seeking new ways to support congregations, church staffs, and plan members. As I will be retiring on October 31st, I look forward to being a happy retiree and all the adventures God has in store for me and my family.

Peace to you all, Clayton Cobb

Pilgrim Place - New Chief Executive Officer

Congratulations to Mr. Ronald Bolding as Pilgrim Place's new Chief Executive Officer. Ron has just completed eight months as the Interim President and CEO of Pilgrim Place and begins his new role immediately. Mr. Bolding is only the second CEO who does not come from the ranks of the Congregational Church/United Church of Christ or its clergy and is the first African American in executive leadership at Pilgrim Place.

Ron has extensive experience in providing health to elders; most recently he completed 12 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Inter Valley Health Plan, a senior health plan headquartered in Pomona, California. Ron is a member of the Los Angeles County Fair Association, a Board member of the Claremont Senior Foundation, Inland Valley Hope Partners, and Pomona Habitat for Humanity. He has also served on the boards for the local Red Cross and Community Senior Services. Through his church, he has also served as organizing support for an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya.

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

Communications Strategies
to connect with your community



When: November 9th 9am - 3pm

Communications Workshop

This daylong workshop, conducted by communications professionals on the Presbyterian Mission Agency staff, will give you tips and techniques to better reach your audience. We'll offer insights and guidelines on creating a communications plan for your congregation, discuss the "do's and don'ts" of media relations and "pitching" stories to your local media. You'll learn proven techniques for using social media tools like Facebook and Twitter and leave with tips that will make your communications more effective and help increase your reach.

Where: Knox Presbyterian Church
225 S Hill Ave
Pasadena, CA 91106

For more information:

Lunch will be provided.

What do you want your community to know about your church?

Are you looking for ways to share God's love through social media? Does your church have a well-thought-out communications plan — for both internal and external audiences?

Create excitement and energy in your congregation by using simple, but powerful communications tools.

You don't have to have a huge budget or a large staff to effectively tell the story of your work inside and outside the church walls.

Please click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the flyer

SMCC Adult Spiritual Formation
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 6 – NOVEMBER 3
4:00 – 6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

*"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.
Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LEST WE FORGET!

WWII & the Christian Response To Evil



What does God expect from us when evil becomes the authority? How do we, as Christians, reconcile necessary actions against aggressive violence and our call to follow the Prince of Peace? Where is God in the face of unimaginable crimes against humanity? These were just a few of the bone-deep questions the entire world was forced to ask with the rise of Hitler and his “final solution.” San Marino Community Church invites you to a five-week series that will address this dark period of world history through guest speakers, and film. **Join us for five Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall:**

Oct. 6 Jeff O’Grady and Carol Spanier-Ladwig explore the interwar period beginning with the Treaty of Versailles and ending with WWII. This historical foundation provides insight into how the ground was made fertile for the eventual rise of the Third Reich.

Oct. 13 Linda Mollno, from the College of Natural & Social Sciences, History Department at Cal State Los Angeles, will cover the further lead up to and beginning of WWII: specifically discussing the growth of nationalism and the rise of Aryan Supremacy in Germany.

Oct. 20 Stephen Ford, U.S. History teacher at San Marino High School, will discuss the United States’ involvement in WWII. Steven Antosy, San Marino resident and WW II veteran, will share his experiences as a soldier in the D-Day invasions of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, and who later covered the Nuremberg War Trials for the Allied Radio Network.

Oct. 27 Ron White, distinguished historian, teacher, speaker, and best-selling author, is known for his passion for the lessons history presents for contemporary conversations. Dr. White will discuss the seminal document of the Christian response to the Nazi regime as he discusses The Barmen Declaration (1934).

Nov. 3 Film, Dinner and Discussion. This extended afternoon event will feature a screening of the film *Schindler’s List*. Steven Spielberg’s masterful drama won seven Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Writing.

Want to be added to the email list? Contact pflynn@smccpby.com

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THE ENNEAGRAM

a journey of self-discovery

November 1, 7:00 PM - November 2, 4:30 PM
Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 N. Mountain Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

Tickets:
\$50 general admission
\$25 students

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Join us on November 1 & 2 for an exploration of the Enneagram, where we will discover a profound, elegant and compassionate map of the human psyche including both psychological and spiritual components. Put all this together and this will be our guide toward self-understanding and self-development.

Our presenter, Kathryn Grant, is a Certified Enneagram Instructor, Accredited Professional with the International Enneagram Association and an Associate of Jerry Wagner's at Enneagram Spectrum. Having studied and taught since 1994, Kathryn brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her teaching and consulting. She enjoys incorporating story and myth to help illuminate Enneagram wisdom. She holds degrees from University of Illinois, Urbana and Roosevelt University, Chicago.



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2019 Presbytery Meetings

November 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Tuesday evening) @ Trinity, Pasadena

Presbytery Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday, January 14 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 28 - 9:00 am

Saturday, May 30 - 9:00 am - GA Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann

Saturday, September 26 - 9:00 am

Tuesday, November 17 - 7:00 pm

2020 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$57,685

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,735
Study Leave: \$1,020

2019 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$55,840
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,645
Study Leave: \$985

2019 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Business .58 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a position titled Communications and Office Administrative Associate. This is a Full-Time position - 36 hours per week. Benefits according to the Personnel Policy. Resumes should be sent to Shelly Ulrich at shellyulrich55@gmail.com. Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description.

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position. Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description. Materials requested in the job description should be mailed to:

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road
La Verne, CA 91750

Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena is seeking a thoughtful, energetic, and creative candidate for our Children & Youth Ministries position. This is a full time, salaried position. Hours negotiable. Click [HERE](#) to download detail/job description.

For more information about our church please visit www.cpcsouthpas.org.

Please send a cover letter and resume to The Rev. Millason Dailey, millason@cpcsouthpas.org.

EVENTS OF INTEREST



Save the Date

The Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Inc. just cast a unanimous vote for the 2021 Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

August 5-8, 2021 - St Louis, MO

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